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1. BO HENRIKSON, MFA SHIPPING OFFICER, TOLD EMBOFF OF DECISIONS REACHED AMONG SEVERAL COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT APRIL 8 LONDON MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE SHIPPING GROUP (CSG) WITH REGARD TO PHILIPPINE AND AUSTRALIAN DISCRIMINATORY SHIPPING MEASURES.

2. AUSTRALIAN POLICY. AT MEETING, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS, FINLAND, SWEDEN, NORWAY, AND DENMARK AGREED TO TAKE SOME ACTION WITH RESPECT TO AUSTRALIAN POLICY. SWEDEN HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO COORDINATE EFFORT. HENRIKSON THOUGHT GROUP WOULD PROBABLY HAND OVER AIDE MEMORE TO AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS: AUSTRALIAN CARGO RESERVATION POLICY IS CONTRARY TO AUSTRALIAN OBLIGATIONS UNDER OECD LIBERALIZATION CODE; IT WILL RAISE FREIGHT RATE; IT MAY INFLUENCE OTHER GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING ARAB GOVERNMENTS, TO RAISE SHIPPING RATES.

3. DISCUSSIONS IN CSG SHOWED GENERAL BELIEF THAT ADOPTION OF AUSTRALIAN POLICY WILL BE DELAYED BY NECESSITY TO DETERMINE ITS LEGALITY UNDER TRADE PRACTICES ACT, BUT THAT POLICY WOULD BE ADOPTED IN THE END. CSG PARTICIPANTS ALSO THOUGHT THAT CURRENT SHORTAGE OF AUSTRALIAN TONNAGE WOULD PREVENT AUSTRALIANS FROM CARRYING 40 PERCENT OF THEIR CARGOES FOR SOME TIME TO COME. NEVERTHELESS, SWEDEN AND OTHERS CONSIDERED IT IMPORTANT TO REACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO POLICY PRINCIPLE.

4. ACCORDING TO HENRIKSON, UK EMBASSY IN CANBERRA GAVE AIDE MEMOIRE TO AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT APRIL 8, CONTAINING ROUGHLY THE POINTS ABOVE.

5. PHILIPPINE DECREE 667. MOST OF CSG GOVERNMENTS WERE EAGER TO MAKE SOME REPRESENTATION IN MANILA ON PHILIPPINE DECREE 667. HENRIKSON UNDERSTOOD BUT WAS NOT ALTOGETHER CERTAIN THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY INSTRUCTED ITS EMBASSY THERE TO MAKE DEMARCHE. UK AND GERMANY HAVE DECIDED ALSO TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS. FRANCE THOUGHT IN PRINCIPLE THAT IT MIGHT ALSO BUTHAD NOT DECIDED DEFINITELY WHEN OR HOW. NORDICS (SWEDEN, NORWAY, FINLAND, DENMARK) DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING IN COMMON BUT DID NOT INDICATE THIS AT MEETING. HOWEVER, GOS HAS ALREADY SENT TEXT OF SUGGESTED AIDE MEMOIRE TO NORDIC PARTNERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR THEIR APPROVAL. TEXT STATES THAT DECREE IS REGRETTABLE AND CONTRARY TO PRINCIPLE OF LIBERAL FREE TRADE BEING DISCUSSED INTERNATIONALLY; IT EXPRESSES HOPE THAT GOP WILL RECONSIDER ITS POLICY AND REPEAL DECREE.

6. HENRIKSON THOUGHT THAT BOTH ACTIONS IN WHICH SWEDEN IS INVOLVED WOULD BE CARRIED OUT WEEK OF APRIL 14. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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